

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1- 26 (canceled).

27. (previously presented)      A black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food, which comprises 5 to 25 % by weight, of black currant anthocyanin on the basis of solid matters.

28. (previously presented)      The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 27, wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin in an amount of 2.5 to 12.5 % by weight on the basis of solid matters.

29. (previously presented)      The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 27, wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside in an amount of 2 to 10 % by weight on the basis of solid matters.

30. (currently amended)      A process for producing black currant anthocyanin-containing compositions for food; wherein black currant juice, as a starting material, is purified and concentrated with a negatively charged reverse osmosis membrane.

31. (canceled)

32. (currently amended)      The process for producing a black currant anthocyanin-containing compositions for food according to claim ~~31~~ 30, wherein the negatively charged reverse osmosis membrane has a salt retention rate of 5 to 20% in the case of NaCl.

33. (currently amended)      A process for producing a black currant anthocyanin-containing compositions for food according to claim 30, wherein an ion-exchange resin is also used to ~~purify the black currant juice~~ absorb and concentrate anthocyanin.

34. (currently amended)      The process for producing black currant anthocyanin-containing compositions for food according to claim 33, wherein the ion-exchange resin is a strong acid cation-exchange resin.

35. (previously presented)      A ~~medicinal~~ health-promoting food or drink which comprises the composition for food according to claim 27.

36. (previously presented)      The ~~medicinal~~ health-promoting food or drink according to claim 35; wherein the food or drink is candy, chewing gum, juice, chocolate, tablet, gelatinous food, or jam.

37. (previously presented) The composition for food according to claim 27, which has at least one effect for improving visual function selected from effects (1) to (8) as follows:

- (1) an effect of alleviating asthenopia;
- (2) an effect of recovering lowered visual acuity;
- (3) an effect of alleviating myopia;
- (4) an effect of recovering lowered refraction power of crystalline lens;
- (5) an effect of improving visual acuity in the darkness;
- (6) an effect of improving adaptation to darkness;
- (7) an effect of improving retinal function; and
- (8) an effect of improving retinal rod.

38. (previously presented) The ~~medicinal~~ health-promoting food or drink according to claim 35, which has at least one effect for improving visual function selected from effects (1) to (8) as follows:

- (1) an effect of alleviating asthenopia;
- (2) an effect of recovering lowered visual acuity;
- (3) an effect of alleviating myopia;
- (4) an effect of recovering lowered refraction power of crystalline lens;
- (5) an effect of improving visual acuity in the darkness;
- (6) an effect of improving adaptation to darkness;
- (7) an effect of improving retinal function; and
- (8) an effect of improving retinal rod.

39. (currently amended)      The composition for food according to claim 27, which has an effect for improving ~~the~~ blood fluidity compared to blood fluidity before ingestion of the composition and/or an effect for lowering blood pressure compared to blood pressure before ingestion of the composition.

40. (currently amended)      The ~~medicinal~~ health-promoting food or drink according to claim 35, which has an effect for improving ~~the~~ blood fluidity compared to blood fluidity before ingestion of the composition and/or an effect for lowering blood pressure compared to blood pressure of before ingestion of the composition.